

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina is the beneficiary of an abundance of natural resources, including clean air and water and miles of pristine shoreline, rolling hills, mountains and pastureland; and

**WHEREAS,** a clean and sustainable environment contributes to the health and well-being of residents of the Palmetto State; and

**WHEREAS,** outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness and environmental awareness, and is an ideal way to exercise and create memorable experiences with loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** Great Outdoors Month is held annually to highlight the numerous benefits of active fun outdoors and the magnificent shared resources of our parks, forests, refuges and other public lands and waters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as

## **GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take time to enjoy the Palmetto State's natural beauty with friends and family and pledge to make outdoor activities a part of their everyday lives.